



Fall 2020

To Parents & Guardians

Thank you for signing up for our *Middle School Kickball* program for **Fall 2020**. This is just a reminder of what to bring during the program and what to expect. Your Middle Schooler will be separated into a team before the program starts. We will do our best to accommodate team requests that were submitted while registering. Staff will be on site to help guide and supervise the games. The games will be fun, but will follow the recommendation of keeping a safe 6ft physical distanced space when appropriate and with face masks.

Program Run Time

- **Start:** Sunday, September 13
- **End:** Sunday, October 11

What to Bring:

- Water
- Face Mask

**PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR
CHILD(REN)'S BELONGINGS!**

Where to Meet: MacDonald Field, North Maple Street, Florence

Drop off for the program will begin promptly at the start of the time block. Drop off for Middle School Kickball will be at 1:00pm. Only one parent/guardian per child being dropped off. And only one child/adult checking in at one time. If another group is ahead of you please keep a safe distance of at least 6 feet and wait for the Northampton Parks & Recreation Staff member to call you over. A face mask is required during this time period. You will be asked a series of questions upon check in.

When you pick up your child:

Pick up for this program will be at 2:30pm. As with dropping off please keep it to one adult per participant at pick up and if another group is ahead of you please keep a safe distance of at least 6 feet and wait for a staff member to call you over. A face mask is required during this time period.

Behavior

All program participants are expected to behave in an appropriate manner. This includes, but is not limited to respectful behavior and listening to the program staff and other children in the program, respecting property (both of schools and recreation facilities and any facility we visit), and being in control of oneself and responsible for one's own actions. If behavior becomes a problem, appropriate measures will be taken which will include warnings, and parent involvement. If behavior problems persist it may result in removal from the program, and no refund will be given. If facilities are damaged, child and parent are responsible.

In case of inclement weather:

This is not a rain or shine event. If there is inclement weather happening or suspected at the time of the program you may be notified beforehand letting you know of any cancellations or postponements. You may also call the Parks & Recreation Cancellation Hotline at (413)587-1044 or check our website at www.northamptonma.gov/recreation. A recording will let you know of any postponements or cancellations. Make-up dates for the program will be scheduled as needed and you will receive an email reminder.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office at 413-587-1040 or email recreation@northamptonma.gov

Northampton Parks & Recreation Department Letter to Participants

Utilizing City Facilities during Phase 3

These state and local guidelines are subject to change. We will adjust programming as needed.

Please be aware of the following regulations & guidelines for recreation programs in Massachusetts Phase 3.

The main focus will be providing safe, physically distanced activities. Activities requiring contact will not be allowed.

1. Please contact Northampton Parks & Recreation via email if you have had any symptoms of COVID-19.
2. There will be staggered usage of facilities.
3. Participants/programs will have a designated time to arrive at the facility. Times will be staggered and no one is allowed to linger in the parking area. Limit your time, drop off/pick up and leave.
4. All will be required to check in with designated Northampton Parks & Recreation Staff member.
 - a. At check in you must self-certify as to COVID-19 symptoms. You will be asked:
 - i. In the last 24 hours you have had no signs of the symptoms.
 - ii. If you have had no close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID – 19 NOTE: “close contact” includes living in a household with a person or caring for a person who has tested positive for the disease; being within 6 feet of a person who tested positive for 15 minutes or longer; or coming in contact with the secretions of a person who tested positive (being coughed or sneezed on, using shared utensils, etc.)
 - iii. You have not been asked to self-quarantine by a doctor or public health official
 - b. You must sanitize your hands at arrival and during the program.
5. There are no changing facilities available so arrive prepared to play.
6. Participants cannot high five, fist bump, hug, etc. or have any contact with participants or staff.
7. There are no water bubblers available. Participants must bring their own water and sharing is not permitted.
8. EVERYONE is required to wear a face covering when physically distancing themselves if 6 feet is not possible and/or when off the playing field or program space.
9. Group sizes will be limited to
 - a. Youth Wiffle Ball, Kickball, & Middle School Kickball: 25 players per playing area/field
 - b. Fall Recess & Youth Bracelet Making: Only groups of no more than 12, which includes staff and kids.
10. Nonessential visitors are not allowed at programs. Visitors must wear face coverings and practice social distancing. There should be only 1 adult chaperone per participant.
11. Participants must maintain 6 feet distance at all times, and no contact between players. ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BRING A FACE COVERING.
12. Hand sanitizer will be available onsite and must be used frequently.
13. Equipment will not be shared or be limited, this includes sports and equipment, water bottles, and personal items.
 - a. **Fall Recess:** All participants are required to bring their own set of markers, crayons, scissors in a clear ziploc bag (labeled). Those that are unable to bring their own, will be provided supplies at an additional fee.
 - b. **Youth Wiffle Ball:** All participants are required to bring their own Wiffle Ball Bat and water bottles.
 - i. If you cannot provide these items please email Rebecca (rlearnard@northamptonma.gov) to let her know.